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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	McDaniel, Ethel Hittle
Title	Society of Friends Church history collection
Date	1865-1944
Extent	0.3 Cubic feet 1 manuscript box
Language	English

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Ethel Reece Hittle McDaniel was born about 1900 in Hancock County, Indiana to Marshall Nicholis and Anna Reece Hittle, with an older brother, Orris E. She grew up in the Friends tradition, as did her husband, Russell Lowell McDaniel, whom she married on August 12, 1920 in Hancock County and with whom she had two sons, Marvin J. and Marlin R. She wrote a master's thesis entitled, "The Contribution of the Friends' Church to Education in Indiana" at Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana (where she had obtained a bachelor's degree in 1925). Ethel was a teacher in 1940, at one time working at the Oaklandon High School. She lived in St. Petersburg, Florida in 1952 and published a book of genealogical research about her mother's family in 1954. She died in St. Petersburg in 1955.

Sources:

Information found within the collection.

Ancestry.com. "Hittle, Ethel R." *1910 United States Federal Census*. Accessed November 9, 2015. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>.

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McDaniel, Ethel H. "The Contribution of the Friends' Church to Education in Indiana." MA thesis, Butler University, Indianapolis, IN, i-v, 166 pp. Accessed October 26, 2015. <http://digitalcommons.butler.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1152&context=grtheses>.

"McDaniel, Russell Lowell." Political Graveyard. Accessed November 9, 2015. <http://politicalgraveyard.com>.

Thompson, Donald Eugene, and R.E. Banta. "McDaniel, Ethel Reece Hittle." *Indiana Authors and Their Books, 1967-1980*. (Crawfordsville, IN: Wabash College, 1981), 244-245.

Historical Note

It is believed that the Society of Friends, often known as Quakers, in Indiana Territory first commenced holding religious meetings regularly, in an infant settlement near the Whitewater River, in the summer of 1807. The first Monthly Meeting, called Whitewater, was established in 1809, in the cabin belonging to Jeremiah Cox.

The first meeting of what is now Western Yearly Meeting had its beginning in Orange County, Indiana near Paoli as the result of a settlement of Friends in 1823.

Also in Indiana, Blue River Quarterly Meeting was approved in 1819. In 1820, an Indiana Yearly Meeting was authorized to be opened at Richmond, Indiana in 1821 and was held October 8, 1821; it included Ohio Friends. Other locations for Quarterly Meetings were added in later years.

The Friends had schools organized while Indiana was still a territory and they later developed a system of schools which set a standard for the system of public education established later. In 1850, an attempt was made to organize a high school in Evansville, Indiana, by which time the Friends had twelve well-organized schools in Indiana doing advanced work, comparable to modern high schools. The Friends opened Earlham College as a denomination college, in 1847.

Sources:

Information found within the collection.

Bulletin of Friend's Historical Society of Philadelphia. (Spring 1923): 3-16. (Call number: ISLO 289.6 no.46)

"Early Schools." *Indianapolis News*, July 8, 1939.

Harlow, Lindley. *Centennial Celebration of Indiana Yearly Meeting*, October 15, 1921. (Call number: ISLH 289.6 no.1)

"Indiana Historical Society Publishes Book on Friends' Aid to State Education." *Indianapolis Star* July 9, 1939.

McDaniel, Ethel H. "The Contribution of the Friends' Church to Education in Indiana." MA thesis, Butler University, Indianapolis, IN, i-v, 166 pp. Accessed October 26, 2015. <http://digitalcommons.butler.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1152&context=grtheses>.

"Plainfield Friends Marks a Century, 1851-1951." Plainfield, IN: Plainfield Monthly Meeting of Friends, 1951 (Call number: ILSO 289.6 no.99)

Scope and Contents

This collection includes correspondence and completed survey forms from various individuals in Indiana and elsewhere in 1932 regarding the history of the Society of Friends education in Indiana and the Society of Friends church records in Indiana ranging from 1865 to 1944 regarding church history and memberships.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged by subject.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

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This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from Mrs. Elizabeth Bryant on 1964/10/27.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2015/11/09 by Edythe Huffman. EAD finding aid created 2015/11/09 by Edythe Huffman. EAD finding revised 2015/12/08 by Brittany Kropf.

Related Materials

Related Archival Material

Materials relating to this collection may be found in the following collections in the Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN:

McDaniel, Ethel H. "The contribution of the Society of Friends to education in Indiana."
MA thesis, Butler University, Indianapolis, IN. (Call number: ISLI 977.2 I385i v. 13 no.2
(UNBOUND))

The genealogy of the families of Charles Reece and Martha Harvey Reece. (Call number: ISLG
929.2 R322M)

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Society of Friends--Indiana.

Genre(s)

- Correspondence

Geographic Name(s)

- Hendricks County (Ind.)

Subject(s)

- Education--Indiana
- Quakers
- Quakers--Indiana--History--19th century
- Religion

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Surveys and correspondence, cities A-L	1	1
Surveys and correspondence, cities M-Z	1	2
Surveys and correspondence, multiple cities and meetings	1	3
Hendricks County, Indiana records, 1870-1889	1	4
Hendricks County, Indiana records, 1881-1887	1	5
Mill Creek, Indiana history, minutes and records of Social Circle, 1865-1867; Sunday School records, 1870-1880	1	6
Mill Creek, Indiana Register of Bible School, 1888-1892	1	7
West Newton, Indiana monthly meeting records, 1865-1943	1	8